AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

5. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of August 17, 2009.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

*1. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission Meeting (Camp)
*2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Hornung)
*3. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investor’s Meeting (Camp/Spatz)
4. Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Advisory Board Meeting (Emery)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion and vote on Library Board Appointment. (See Attachment)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken and Nana Smith invite you to SEE RED - Tailgate Party prior to the Nebraska vs. Texas Tech Football Game on Saturday, October 17, 2009 - 2 ½ hours before Kickoff at Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” Street - RSVP by Oct. 9th at 800-542-1602 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)
2. Chancellor Harvey and Susan Perlman for a PreGame Buffet at The Nebraska Union, Centennial Room - Beginning 2 ½ hours before Kickoff with a short program 1 ½ hours prior to Kickoff - Nebraska vs. Arkansas State on Saturday, September 12, 2009 - RSVP by Aug. 21st to Marilyn at 472-7106 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

3. Lincoln Parks Foundation presents A Night at the Gardens on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at Hamann Rose Garden - 5:30 p.m., Cocktails; 6:00 p.m., Dinner; at Sunken Gardens - 7:30 p.m., Coffee & Desserts - $100/individual - RSVP by Aug. 28th with enclosed card - (See Invitation for menu options)

4. World Day On The Mall Committee - 12th Annual Ethnic and Diversity Celebration on Thursday, September 17, 2009 held on Centennial Mall downtown Lincoln adjacent to the Nebraska State Office Building, 14th & “M” Streets - Education workshops scheduled to be held in the morning and afternoon (may be subject to change) and live stage entertainment will take place on the Mall from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - (See Invitation)

5. 2009 Nebraska Wind Energy Tour is coming to Omaha on Thursday, August 27, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Scott Conference Center, Center Room, 6450 Pine Street, located on the UNO Campus - RSVP by Aug. 20th by e-mail - (See Invitation)

6. 1st Annual American Legion Legacy Scholarship Golf Open on Friday, September 11, 2009 at Mahoney Golf Course, 7900 Adams St. - Noon, Lunch - 1:00 p.m., First Tee Start - Player Registration $75 - Team Registration-2 Players $150 - RSVP by Sept. 1st - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 17, 2009.
August 19, 2009

Doug Emery, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Emery:

Attached are applications received by the Library Board of Trustees from 12 persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill a vacancy for one seven-year term created by the completion of a seven-year term by Lynda Anderson.

This group of candidates responded to notices posted at all Library locations, community centers and cultural centers, as well as the Library Web site. Candidates who expressed interest in the February 2009 vacancy were notified as well.

The Library Board Committee on Administration reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees along with interest in the public library and the community as a whole. The Committee on Administration presented its report and recommendation to the Library Board at the Board’s August 18th meeting.

As has been the case previously, the City Council may choose to appoint anyone from the full group of applications. However, after thorough review and with the needs of the Board in mind, the Library Board recommends, in priority order, the following individuals for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2016:

1. Thomas J. Beckius – Background in finance would fill a void left by Lynda Anderson’s completion of her term.

2. Terri Dunlap – Strong knowledge of the community and previous board experience.

3. Keri Rockwell – Mother, PTO member, would bring diversity and practical voice to the Board.

4. Andrew Willis – Attorney, degree in computer science with understanding of legal issues related to the Internet and technology.

As soon as the City Council completes its appointment process, the new board member will be contacted and the orientation process begun. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pat Leach

Pat Leach
Library Director
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

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Personal Information

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☒ Beck, Curtis, D.

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Applicant Occupation Employer

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General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? Since 1999

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? Since 1999

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

I served for six years in state government gaining experience in analyzing budgets, developing and managing programs, policies and personnel. I also served as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization which afforded me many opportunities to develop fundraising and public relations experience.

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

To develop and provide quality library services and programming in response to the changing needs of the community. To promote life-long learning and a love of reading and for gaining information. The library to act as the gateway to global information.

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

A quality library system is an integral part of the fabric of what makes a community. The city of Lincoln is a better community because of its quality library services. The First Amendment applies because it provides the foundation to respect divergent views on materials contained in a library.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

As a management consultant and college instructor I have many years of experience in personnel management, public relations and fundraising. My background includes extensive experience in developing public-private partnerships.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities


Are you available for monthly library board meetings - generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes

06/09
July 20, 2009

Library Board of Trustees
136 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Search Committee,

I am writing for your consideration to be appointed to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees. I am a graduate of the Leadership Lincoln program and am committed to serve in this capacity if selected. I applied for a vacancy on this Board in 2003, 2005, 2008, January 2009, and due to my level of interest in serving on the Library Board, I am applying again for this current vacancy.

In the words of our President Barack Obama, "We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit, to choose our better history, to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness."

What better way to achieve this goal than through a public library!

I am an avid reader. For the last ten years, it has been my goal to read at least 25 books a year. To read as many books as I do, and to gain information from a broad perspective, I utilize the Lincoln City libraries. I am a regular at the Eiseley and Walt branches.

I believe in the tremendous value of the library system to our community. The Library is the place that children can develop a love of reading that will promote lifelong learning. The Library is a gateway to information and must provide quality services and programs to meet the changing needs of our global community.

As a Board member, I will be an advocate for children's library services. In the tight economic times we are experiencing, I will support opportunities to provide library services in a collaborative way with other entities in our community and throughout Lancaster County.

President Obama's words have challenged me to make a difference, and I would be honored to serve on the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Curtis D. Beck

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**Personal Information**

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☐ Mr.  ☐ Ms.  ☐ Mrs.  ☐ Miss  Beckius, Thomas J.

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Applicant Occupation: Financial Analyst/RE Agent  Employer: INA Group, LLC/McCombs Commercial Realty

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**General Information**

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?   29 Years

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?   Approx. 20 Years

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/internal, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

My professional experiences stem from the private financial sector and often interact with various government entities. My entire professional career has involved various aspects of budgeting and accounting, including pro forma modeling, annual projection generation and analyzing changes in capital structures. My technological experiences include modeling, testing and implementation of build-to-suit software programs in the financial services sector. I work often with government entities, including General Services Administration, State of Nebraska and City of Lincoln. I have volunteered and serve on committees for non-profit organizations, however my experience is limited in the non-profit field.

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?
My goals include continued expansion of all catalog materials (with emphasis on technologically newer methods of delivery), providing for the most extensive access possible, cautious and efficient use of funding, advocating for community interactivity of libraries and their facilities and continued growth of the Lincoln City Libraries as a community resource. My philosophy for public library service is simply to help provide as many resources and as much access to resources as possible in a cost efficient manner.

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

The First Amendment provides the backbone of a quality public library. The rights to read and access information of any kind are facets of intellectual freedom. As libraries across the nation continue to diversify their methods of information delivery, the First Amendment serves as the constant in this equation. While limitations on content may occasionally be imposed by funding sources, it is the duty of a public library to ensure access to information beyond any restriction. Public libraries are on the forefront of sustaining democracy to the fullest extent possible and serve as an everyday reminder of the freedoms provided by the First Amendment.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

I have experience in the management, construction and maintenance of commercial buildings, in addition to land development. These unique experiences would benefit the fiscal bottom line of the Lincoln City Libraries operationally, and hopefully in future real property acquisitions.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

International Council of Shopping Centers
Next Generation Group Member
General Member

Junior Achievement of Lincoln
Classroom Volunteer
Evening Program Volunteer

Lincoln Young Professionals Group
Membership Committee Member
Networking Committee Member

Alzheimer’s Association - Great Plains
Memory Walk Committee Chair

Are you available for monthly library board meetings - generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes.

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes.

06/08
July 15, 2009

Lincoln City Libraries
136 S. 14th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit to you my interest in appointment to the Library Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries.

My primary goal and greatest concern in serving on the Library Board of Trustees is to be an active participant and conscientious servant of the community, while promoting fiscally reasonable decisions and sound management practices for the Lincoln City Libraries. I am committed to making sensible choices that will benefit our community and our future generations of citizens. I am dedicated to the mission of providing open access to information and protecting intellectual exploration.

I also believe the Lincoln City Libraries must operate as a fiscally responsible entity. Largely, the Board of Trustees and staff of the Lincoln City Libraries should be commended for keeping our library services efficient. It is my goal to see that the Lincoln City Libraries continues to be fiscally frugal and focused in its mission. It is important to analyze every facet of operations, management, staffing and procurement to achieve the greatest value for our citizens.

Community involvement and engagement is paramount to the growth of the library system. We must continue to engage the public and seek input, while also creating a solid foundation for the future. I will work to ensure the library system continues to be a community asset for years to come.

If presented with the opportunity, the Lincoln City Libraries should seek to build a new downtown location on the site of Pershing Center. I am pleased to see the Board has created a special committee on this subject. This project, and even exploration of the possibility, will take years to examine. It will be imperative to build an alliance and cooperate with non-public entities to accomplish this goal. My background in finance, real estate and community involvement brings unique perspective and qualified experience. I will work diligently over my term to see that every option is explored for the creation of a new downtown library location.

On a personal note, I am employed as a financial analyst for INA Group, LLC, a Lincoln-based investment firm. I am also an active commercial real estate agent with McCombs Commercial Realty and work extensively in land development and construction with Apples’ Way, LLC. I have been previously employed with Nelnet and First Federal
Lincoln (TierOne Bank). I hold a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I live in northeast Lincoln with my family.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of my application. I recognize this brief letter and the attached application provides only a brief glimpse into my abilities, experiences, ideas and goals. Should you have any additional questions, please contact me at (402) 435-0011. You may also contact me during the evening at (402) 438-8334.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Beckius
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Applicant Occupation Retired University Teacher Employer Nebraska Wesleyan University and Administrator

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To assist in reporting

Affirmative

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? Since 1967

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? Since 1967

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

See attached sheet

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

See attached page

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

Are you available for monthly library board meetings -- generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings?

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings?
Lincoln City Libraries Board Appointment Information – Sara A. Boatman

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

**Budgeting** – I have served on nonprofit boards and have approved recommended budgets, received and commented in regular budget reports, and engaged in budget reallocation processes. As a university administrator I have developed, monitored, adjusted, defended, and reviewed budgets.

**Human resources/personnel** – My board experience includes chairing a personnel committee, and I have engaged in hiring and termination processes as a board member. As an administrator I have created and adjusted positions, hired, supervised, conducted staff development, and terminated personnel.

**Accounting** – I have received and responded to financial reports.

**Technology/internet** – I have engaged in developing a technology strategic plan and technology policies as a university administrator. As a board member I have received reports on technology initiatives.

**Legal matters** – I had regular contact with university legal counsel and have been a participant in litigation against the university. As a board member I have received reports on legal matters, and in one instance was part of a lawsuit against a board of which I was a member.

**What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?**
I believe that strong communities not only provide services that meet citizens’ basic needs, e.g. security, transportation, infrastructure, but also provide services that nourish citizens’ minds and souls, e.g. parks, arts, and libraries. I believe, therefore, that for the city of Lincoln to most strongly enhance the quality of life for all its citizens libraries must be one of its areas of focus. I support the mission of Lincoln City Libraries as it embraces open access to all forms of information for all of Lincoln’s citizens. Regarding goals, I believe that it is reasonable to expect public libraries to provide safe and well-maintained library buildings with a variety of books and other informational resources available at the lowest possible costs (a free library card for every community citizen should be, in my opinion, an absolute expectation), managed and facilitated by knowledgeable and well-trained staff; providing opportunities for all citizens to read, to learn, to be entertained, and to experience the wonder of readily accessible information.

**How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?**
I am quite passionate about freedom of expression, but I also couple this with responsible behavior. I believe that a public library should provide the widest possible variety of information and resources; it resonates with the Library Bill of Rights in this regard. Having been an educator for my entire career, I am well aware of individuals’ rights to express dissatisfaction with controversial material, but I have always believed that public schools and services should do everything possible to guarantee and support freedom of expression, no matter how loud the cries to censor material. Having said that, I also am well aware of the added complexity that has been introduced by technology in the past couple of decades, and I support reasonable actions by library staff to monitor use of material by children (although I do believe that the first responsibility is always that of parents). The library policies posted on the Lincoln City Libraries web site seem very appropriate to me in this regard.

**What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?**
I have been an educator since 1965. In my role as Vice President at Nebraska Wesleyan I had responsibility for budgeting, capital improvements, hiring, and policy development, all of which the Library Board is involved with as described in its By-Laws. I have served on a variety of non-profit boards, and thus understand the role of a board member, and I have also staffed a
University governing board committee, thus helping me to better understand effective board action from that perspective. My scholarly interests are in organizational communication which I have always found helpful in responding to organizational matters. As an inveterate reader and learner, libraries are some of my favorite places (my husband patiently accompanies me to University libraries that I have not previously visited when we are on vacation); thus, I would bring commitment and energy to this role.

**Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities**
See attached CV, page 5, “Community Service”

**Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings?**
Yes

**Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings?**
Yes
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Residence Telephone (402) 484-0780 Business Telephone (402) 416-5750

Applicant Occupation Director of Development Employer Village Gardens Development Co., LLC

E-mail Address mbrummond@villagegardenslincoln.com

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? Moved to Lincoln in 1996 to attend UNL and never left!

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? Approximately Since 2003, but I honestly do not know for certain.

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

My experiences and education are diverse. As the attached resume indicates, I received my law degree in 2003, and practiced law for approximately 3 years. During that time, I focused my practice on employment law in part, and therefore have a very good understanding of employment/HR personnel issues. As corporate counsel for M.E. Group, I routinely advised the HR manager regarding personnel related issues. Currently, as the Director of Development for Village Gardens Development Co., I am responsible for managing a multi-million dollar budget, all accounting and financial reporting to the financial institutions.

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service? Please see attached "Philosophy Statement."

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service? Please see attached "First Amendment Statement."

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library? I believe that my education, work experience, and volunteer service combine to bring a wealth of knowledge to the board. I have proven myself to be a steward of this community, and recognize the role of stewardship the public library plays in the community. My role as a parent also brings a futuristic line of thought that will serve the board well as it works to protect this incredibly important service during these difficult economic times.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities. Presently, I am the Vice Chair of Lincoln's Young Professional Group and co-chair of that organization's Philanthropic Committee. I also currently am a member of the Board of Directors for the Food Bank of Lincoln. Past service includes serving as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Executive Council for the Young Lawyer's Section of the NSBA, and as a committee chair for the Lincoln Bar Association.

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes.

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes.

06/08
Philosophy & Statement:

In general, I subscribe to the philosophy that knowledge is power. As its Mission Statement says, the Lincoln City Libraries' mission is to "enrich people's lives" through access to all forms of information and the power of reading. It is my philosophy, however, that ultimately through its mission, the Lincoln City Libraries empower people because information results in knowledge.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, my goals with respect to this philosophy are simple: to make certain that the funds and resources available are used to enhance the Lincoln City Libraries' inventory, technology, and programming such that it reaches as broad of an audience as possible. I intend to achieve this goal by attending meetings, being prepared for those meetings, and providing the perspective of a person who has used the library throughout her life.

I believe that the library is a gift to each citizen of our City. It serves as a parenting tool, an education enhancer and/or supplement, a place for entertainment, and a place of empowerment. I believe that in these economic times, there will be an increase in the use of the library's services, and at the same time, likely a decrease in the funds available to maintain those same services. As a result, it is imperative that the Board of Trustees be comprised of individuals who are committed to preserving the services through effective fiscal management, creative thought-processes, and a dedication to the mission.
First Amendment Statement:

Wow. This is a BIG question that results in a significant philosophical debate. Obviously, the First Amendment protects the individual's right to freedom of speech and expression. If I'm not mistaken, children have these protected rights as well. So, the issue becomes making certain that a public library's practices and policies respect these rights. Restrictions on access to materials, selection of materials, and other administrative decisions made with respect to the publications, books, and other materials that the library makes accessible to the public directly relate to the First Amendment rights that are afforded U.S. citizens. As a result, the manner in which public library services are provided and how the decisions are made with respect to such provision are dramatically affected by the First Amendment which in turn serves as a guide in making those decisions.
July 22, 2009

Candidate Search
Lincoln City Libraries
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find my resume and a statement of my personal philosophy as it relates to the administration of the public library system for your consideration. I believe that my philosophy, when combined with my experiences and education, combine to provide me with the perspective and knowledge necessary to effectively serve as a member of the Lincoln City Libraries' Board of Trustees. As a result, I am pleased to submit this application.

As a little girl in Madison, Nebraska, I spent extensive amounts of time in the library...lost in the adventures of “Pippy Longstocking” and “The Boxcar Children.” As a middle-school and high-school student, the school library became a resource – for both homework and social obligations. As a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the library took a backseat to coffeehouse study sessions, but it remained as a place for research, class, and respite. In law school, the law library was my home. Today, the library serves as a parenting tool. My two year old and I make semi-monthly trips (at a minimum) to restock the bedtime stories that are part of our night-time routine. From a small-town girl to lawyer to “momma,” the library is one of the few things has maintained a constant presence in my life. Because the services provided by the library have enhanced my life in so many ways, I would consider it an honor and a privilege to give back to this organization by volunteering my time and talent as a Board of Trustees member.

Thank you for your time and consideration. After you have had an opportunity to review my resume and philosophical statement, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss my qualifications further.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Molly M. Brummond

[Note]: resume, philosophy

Also applied 2009
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CAREER
SUMMARY

EMPLOYMENT

Village Gardens Development Co., LLC
Development Company developing real estate located at 56th & Pine Lake Road into residential neighborhood and commercial center.

2008-Present

Director of Development
Responsible for overseeing all aspects of development, including all financial aspects, advertising, marketing & public relations, sales, coordination of projects, management of communications with team members and home and business owners.

- Responsible for managing overall development budget, and all sub-budgets, including accounts payable and receivable and all reporting to financial institutions on lending team
- Write and execute copy for all print and radio advertising and marketing, including e-newsletters to general interest database, investors, and team members
- Develop relationships, recruit businesses, and develop and negotiate Letters of Intent for businesses being recruited to the Marketplace at Village Gardens
- Assist potential home-owners with selection of lot, residential builder, and the building process; answer questions and sell the residential development to interested parties
- Coordinate team meetings, neighborhood meetings, and all other Village Gardens related events

M.E. Group, Inc.
Lincoln-based Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Firm

2006-May 2008

Business Development Director & In-House Counsel
Responsible for providing legal advice with respect to human resource issues, contracts and document review, and the like. Also responsible for developing proposals, writing policy, marketing the firm, and developing business relationships. Successfully developed and executed Client Satisfaction review process
EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED

Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt, LLP 2002-September 2006

*Lincoln-based Law Firm*

**Attorney**
Responsible for effective advocacy on behalf of clients, extensive verbal and written communication with clients, opposing counsel, and court officials, statutory and regulatory research and analysis, development and marketing of clients, and promotion of the firm and its activities as a whole.

**Law Clerk (2002 - 2003)**
Responsible for legal research and writing, including memoranda to supervising attorneys and briefs ultimately submitted to courts of various jurisdictions.

EDUCATION

**University of Nebraska College of Law** 2001-2003
- Juris Doctorate, with Distinction
- Grether Moot Court Board, *Member & Chair*
- Civil Clinic Student of the Year (2002-2003)

**University of Nebraska – Lincoln** 1996-2000
- B.A., majoring in Communications Studies
- University of Nebraska Honors Program, *Member*, (August 1996- May 2000)
- Innocents Society, *Member*

LICENSES & ASSOCIATIONS

- Licensed to practice law in the State of Nebraska and United States District Court of Nebraska
- Nebraska State Bar Association, *Member*

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

**LINCOLN'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS’ GROUP** 2007-PRESENT
- Vice Chair of the Executive Committee (2008-Present)
- Co-Chair of Philanthropic Committee (2008-Present)
- Philanthropic Committee member (2007-Present)

**LINCOLN FOOD BANK** 2008-PRESENT
- Board of Directors, Member (August 2008-Present)
- Board Development Committee, Member (September 2008 – Present)

**NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION** 2003-PRESENT
- Member of Young Lawyers’ Section Executive Committee (October 2004-October 2008)

**SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 2001-PRESENT
- Sunday School Teacher (2004-2006)
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 Applicant Occupation  **Retired**  Employer  

E-mail Address  clarkscript@ymail.com  

See attached pages
General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?

My wife and I have lived in Lincoln since 1972 for a total of 37 years.

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?

37 years.

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

I worked in a number of settings at the Nebraska Department of Education during my 36 years at that agency. During that time I:

- Drafted and implemented statute and regulations principally in the area of special education,
- Developed working relationships with legislators and legislative staffers,
- Served as a board member and president of a national organization of state special education administrators with frequent interaction with congressional staffers and federal agency staff,
- Contributed to the development of the biennial agency budget request,
- Interacted on a frequent basis with agency legal staff and the Attorney General’s Office on litigation and regulatory interpretation,
- Shepherded the arrival of personal computers for staff,
- Participated in long range technology planning and policy development,
- Assisted in quality initiative planning and personnel polling and engagement activities,
- Designed and reported public engagement processes,
- Supported the Commissioner and agency staff in working with Nebraska State Board of Education for the duration of my tenure,
- Conducted a daily media scan to provide staff and elected officials the state of the public environment with respect to current policies and anticipated issues.
- Prepared graphic representations of complex policy and data issues for staff/public display and use,
- Researched and prepared analyses of issues, policy options, and political environments,
- Exercised oversight of the NDE website with respect to organization, navigation, staff resources, and broad participation in content posting,
- Served as the first digital point of contact for citizens seeking information or registering complaints,
- Maintained the e-mail address data base for 400+ superintendents and 1200+ principals, and
- Represented NDE in initiatives that linked multiple state agencies.

What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

- Preservation of current services and resources,
- Growth of the library system commensurate with the growth of the city and surrounding regions,
- Outreach to low literacy and low income populations, and
- Early adoption of new media forms as they become available

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

Public libraries act as a facilitator of access to information sought by patrons. Libraries are the widely available “main street” entry point of access to the broadest possible array of knowledge in much the same way that universities provide settings for inquiry. The First Amendment provides the foundation for broad citizen inquiry limited only by concern for youth access to inappropriate materials and the potential for patron offense with
respect to pornographic web content. Beyond the internet issues, free speech encompasses access to knowledge content regardless of the controversies that may swirl around a publication or point of view.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

I have served as a board member and as an employee of an elected board. In both settings I became highly sensitive to the delicate balance between setting direction via policy and exercising administrative influence via focus on the fine details of an operation or initiative. My chief value to my board colleagues and employers over the years was the willingness to work to synthesize seemingly unrelated segments, factors, and circumstances into a connected big picture for advancing the necessary conversation.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

- Usher for the Lied Center for Performing Arts (17 seasons)
- Singer/musician for my church
- Member of the Nebraska Child Death Review team with assignments in the areas of suicide and abuse/neglect
- Emeritus member of the NDE Family Engagement study group
- Education advisor and Core Partner work team member with the Call to Action child wellbeing project sponsored by the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings?

Yes

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings?

Yes
July 17, 2009

Dr. James O’Hanlon, President
Library Board of Trustees
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Please accept this application for the vacant position on the Library Board of Trustees.

Public libraries run deep in my family history and in my upbringing. I am a 4th generation educator and I was raised on stories of ancestor teachers who brought suitcases of books checked out during the Saturday visit to town to the country schools where they taught. For me, no trip to town was complete without a stop at the library to drop off and replenish.

The tradition continued when we moved to Lincoln with our young family. The library bump on the family DNA spiral causes the same behaviors to be evident as our children raise children. Not long ago, three generations of us enjoyed a great story time with Miss Sue at the Gere branch.

One of our children was something of a vagabond in her earlier life and I was fascinated by her astonished stories about the limited options in far larger communities such as San Diego and Portland versus the richness of holdings and high service levels found in the Lincoln system. I suspect that few citizens of Lincoln have a sense of the comparative quality of the libraries they enjoy.

The time comes when each of us must take a turn in the stewardship of precious resources. The enclosed materials represent such an offer. Thank you for the opportunity to submit an application for the open seat on the library board.

Sincerely,

John D. Clark
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

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Personal Information

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Mary Jeanetta Drveko

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Business Address Street City State ZIP

Residence Telephone (402) 472-0367 Business Telephone(402) 472-2525

Applicant Occupation Librarian/Professor Employer University of Nebraska-Lincoln

E-mail Address mdrveko1 @ unl. edu

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? 21 years

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? 21 years

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

see attached sheet

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

see attached sheet - I have combined answers to this and the following question

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

see attached sheet

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

see attached sheet

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

see attached sheet

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes

05/08
Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

Budgeting: Serve on the University Libraries Collection Development Committee, which oversees materials acquisition

Human resources/personnel: served on numerous search committees; chaired search committees; attended required courses on affirmative action and diversity in hiring practices; attended courses for supervisors; supervised library clerical staff, student assistants and volunteers

Technology and the internet: teach classes, train staff and assist a variety of researchers to fully exploit online resources; develop public webpage content; maintain a staff wiki; continually update skills

Legal matters relating to nonprofits: as Coordinator of the Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center and as a scholarly researcher on nonprofits, I maintain knowledge of nonprofits by attending training sessions, reading literature, maintaining lists of research sources, and doing independent research on nonprofits.

What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?
How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

My goals and philosophy are based on the First Amendment and American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and its attendant documents. Public libraries are what they have always been: the best free source for personal education and enrichment and a key to maintaining a democratic society, one that as Thomas Jefferson noted, depends upon an informed and educated citizenry. The Lincoln City Libraries challenge is to apply these general philosophies to the Lincoln community by developing specific policies, collections, and services. It requires developing a balance that is re-enacted and re-enforced every day with every decision. The library must support freedom of speech, open access to information and services for everyone while, at the same time, understanding and meeting community needs and expectations, as well as laws and government funding requirements. Both sides of the balance must remain in debate at all times.

Despite technological change, libraries and librarians continue to act as collectors and guides. Now, however, the library operates in two spaces, a virtual one and a physical one. Both must reflect the libraries policies and philosophy. Both must be welcoming to a diverse clientele, attractive, functional, correct, up-to-date, and useful.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

As a librarian in public and academic libraries for 34 years, I am acquainted with the social, technological, legal, and financial challenges facing libraries. I have been actively involved in every step of the technological evolution of libraries and dealt daily with changing patron needs and expectations. In addition, I have been involved in every task required to operate a library, from performing clerical tasks to making policy decisions. In service on other nonprofit boards and numerous committees, I have come to understand the importance of combining teamwork with independent thought. Please see my resume for more detailed information on activities.
Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities.

UNL Garden Friends Board, 2009-

Nebraska Center for the Book Board of Directors, 2003-2005
  Publications Committee, Nebraska Center for the Book, 2003-2005
  NCB website co-developer, 2003-2005
  Nebraska Book Festival volunteer, 2003-2008

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, selector and donor of research materials, 2004-

Nebraska Humanities Alliance, planning consultant for five-state cultural inventory, 2002

Coordinator of the Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center at UNL, consultant to local individuals and nonprofits to identify appropriate foundations for their grant proposals, 1997-present

Hospice of Tabitha, volunteer reader and visitor, 1997-2002
July 13, 2009

128 North 13th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Library Board of Trustees
Lincoln City Libraries
136 South 14th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Members of the Library Board of Trustees:

Thank you for your notice of an upcoming vacancy on the Board. I continue to be interested in serving on the Board and ask to be considered for the position.

I understand the obligations of the trustees and meet the qualifications. I have served on nonprofit boards and worked cooperatively on numerous committees. Because I understand the technological, social, legal, administrative, and financial issues facing libraries, I can recognize and pose difficult and necessary questions regarding library programs, policies and operations. As a librarian and library user, I have a deep commitment to community-wide information access, activities, education and enrichment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Jeanetta Drueke

402 477-0367
mdrueke1@unl.edu

Also applied 2009, 2008
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

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Personal Information
NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)
Mrs. Dunlap, Terri L.
6651 Eastshore Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516

Business Address Street City State ZIP
Residence Telephone (402)489-0311 Business Telephone(
Applicant Occupation Homemaker Employer

E-mail Address ttdunlap1@mac.com

To assist in the selection, you are asked to voluntarily provide information which is necessary for statistical reporting purposes. Under State and Federal Law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? Over 25 years

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? Approximately 25 years

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/internet, and legal matter relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

I have paid all of the bills in our household for the last twenty years and raised three children. I am also the technology power user in our household (security systems, wireless internet, digital image storage, kindle, computers etc). I served on the Children’s Museum Board and the Union College Community Board. I have worked for both nonprofit (Union College and St. Elizabeth Hospital) and Government entities (The USDA Food and Nutrition).

What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?
To be a part of the continuing excellent system of libraries that Lincoln is proud of where its citizens have access to the widest possible array of knowledge. I am committed to the ideals of literacy and life-long learning where it is available to all seeking such information with respect to all individuality and diversity of people.

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

The Supreme Court has recognized a citizen’s interest in receiving ideas is a right protected by the First Amendment. It is paramount that patrons of our public libraries have assurance of free and open access to written and recorded knowledge and information. These rights must be protected when challenged by groups or individuals.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

I taught at Union College and have good public speaking and advocacy skills. I have a number of contacts for fund raising activities. I also have a Masters of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and I am a registered dietician. Multi-tasking and problem solving are two skills that become highly advanced raising three busy boys. I have excellent resources to help me with those skills.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

Ten years of elementary school volunteering including tutoring, fundraising, yearbook compilation
Lincoln Children’s Museum board
Young President’s Organization spouse forum moderator
Union College Community Board
Junior League volunteer
Team Parent for my sons’ sports teams
Mayors task force to pick design team for Arena

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes, available most Tuesdays

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes

06/09
July 20, 2009

Lincoln City Libraries
136 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Library Board Members:

I am interested in seeking candidacy for the upcoming Library Board vacancy. This opening was suggested to me by one of the Board members, Maya Harris, after I learned of her position and expressed an interest. I believe that she recommends that I apply knowing that I have a great love for books and that I am dedicated to having a positive impact in the Lincoln community.

As a young child, I lived in a happy world with 20 or so books at home. Then the children’s librarian in my hometown opened a universe for me through a library card to adventures, sorrows, sagas and endless possibilities for learning. Many happy and stimulating hours of my formative years were spent in the library. I even worked in my high school library. It would be a privilege for me to make available any skills that I possess to give back to an entity that has given me so much pleasure and personal growth. As a parent and former educator, I am committed to literacy and life-long learning. As a citizen of Lincoln and an owner of a Lincoln business that employs hundreds of other Lincoln citizens, I am committed to maintaining and improving our excellent lifestyle we enjoy in our town. I believe that I could be a contributing asset to a team of like-minded individuals.

Thank you for your time in considering my application.

Sincerely,

Terri Dunlap
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

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| State |  |
| ZIP |  |
| Business Telephone | NA |

| Applicant Occupation | RETIRED |
| Employer | NA |

| E-mail Address | ms.haller@nebraska.com |

To assist in purposes.

**Affirmative:**

**General Information**

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? 42 YEARS

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? 42 YEARS

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

See Attached

Resume available this week

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

See ATTACHED

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

See ATTACHED

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

See ATTACHED

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

See ATTACHED

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes
Outline our experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or non-profit organizations
While at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I served as Graduate Chair of the Department of English (1978-83), with the responsibility to recruit and assign graduate student Teaching Assistants/Research Assistants. I served frequently on search committees for faculty and administrators at UNL. I was director of several programs (Linguistics, University Studies, Medieval/Renaissance Studies) with small budgets to manage; I frequently chaired committees running conferences using grant monies and other sources to cover expenses. I have at other times held community positions (President and Board member, Lincoln Fellowship of Churches; President, Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska, 1987, 1995, 2003) which required management of funds and compliance with government regulations; I have been Treasurer of three political campaigns, complying with Accounting and Disclosure Requirements.

What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?
I think the present goals and philosophy of the Lincoln Public Libraries are right on, and I would support them I take these to be a commitment to the freedom to read, to neighborhood service, to minimal restraints on the rights of children, to community meetings, to book discussions and reading groups, to accessibility. I would like to see more foreign language books, and translations, especially targeting Lincoln’s ethnic groups;

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?
I see public libraries as having the responsibility to assure access by its users to the full range of political, economic, religious and literary resources, in traditional (books, periodicals) and modern (internet) forms. This responsibility extends to foreign and sometimes to non-traditional sources. Public libraries have a responsibility to provide space for public assemblies, with the proviso that the assembly be open to the public.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?
I have wide experience of libraries around the world as a scholar, and have become knowledgeable about both the writers of the Plains and writers from around the world writing in their own languages and translated into English. Most relevantly in my teaching of Plains Literature, my study of Hartley Burr Alexander (whose works are collected in the Heritage Room) and my interest in international writers. I read a variety of foreign languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Latin).

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities.
Present: Curriculum Committee, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; have taught courses in Hartley Burr Alexander, History of English Language; will run courses, English Basics, Nobel Prizewinners, Literature, 21st Century; United Nations Association, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Blessed Sacrament: President-Elect; Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska-founding President and twice later President; Lancaster County Democratic Party, Issues Committee; Nebraska Democratic Party, Platform Committee Chair.
Previous: Office holder in UNL Chapter, and in Nebraska State Conference, American Association of University Professors; President and Board Member of Lincoln Fellowship of Churches, 1984-91; Certified Official, U.S. Tennis Association, 1990-2003;
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Personal Information

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

☐ Mr. ☑ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss

Janice M. Hellerick

737 No 22nd St, apt 108
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Business Address

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City

State

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Residence Telephone

402-325-8616

Business Telephone

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Applicant Occupation

Retired

Employer

E-mail Address

NONE

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln? October 24, 2005

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder? Since October 24, 2005

and also other times in my life:

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

2 years working for the State Dept of Revenue, 1993-1994, 3 months State Pearsenal Dept, 6 months State Juvenile Dept, Part time at the State Capitol and State teachers Ass with the temporary agency. Work with Politics saving the Family Farm with Senators

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

Constituents like the library opened for University use, college, music, intern renting books, reading newspaper, or for own entertainment.

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

Book on paper enclosed.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities:

Make things or food for pot luck for church dinner, lunches at Centennial Park for summer picnic, Keeneans at Morgan Church meeting once month, Singles meeting at Methodists Church. Are you available for monthly library board meetings - generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings?

Yes, Both.

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings?

Yes.
Worked with the City Council Seeing the meals on wheels 2007 and 2008 Budget.

Widening of the West Davey Rd, working with this project and going having a meeting with the Lancaster Committees. Completing this and getting the West Davey Rd widen, 1993, 1994, and Road fixed in 1998 1999 and new water why put in for the Rd.

Attending meeting with the Mayor Chris Beatler with the Budget at East Campus University, East Campus Lincoln Great Plains Room with the Survey and discussion on Budget and tier one's tier two's and tier three's off the budget with the policy of the University Policy Dept.
Having my own dance band for 3½ years.

Enjoy going to see the Library reference
Dept. always, music Dept. Rent or
Take out music all the time.

Use the Library for reference for
address for my genealogy and have
made over 60 books and made
them for people

Working with the University of Nebraska
Athletic Dept. 21 years as Manager 1973
to 1993, and 2 years before as assistant
Starting in 1971

Attending the Lower South District Meeting June 11, 2009,
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Personal Information

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

□Mr. □Ms. □Mrs. □Miss  Pierson, Patty D

5000 South 54th  Lincoln  NE  68516

Residence Address  Street  City  State  ZIP

301 Centennial Mall South  Lincoln  NE  68509

Business Address  Street  City  State  ZIP

Residence Telephone  (402) 423-0736  Business Telephone  (402) 471-9345

Applicant Occupation  Long-Term Care Ombudsman  Employer  State of Nebraska

E-mail Address  ppier52001@yahoo.com

To assist in the selection, you are asked to voluntarily provide information which is necessary for statistical reporting purposes. Under State and Federal Law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

Affirmative Action Information: Sex □Male  □Female  Racial/Ethnic Background  wht

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?  all my life

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?  As long as I can remember

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

MADD  Volunteer management, grant budgeting, speakers bureau, advocacy

ARC  Staff management, fiscal management, advocacy, responsible for all functions of nonprofit including management of group homes

CHAD - Fundraising, creating agency awareness, speakers bureau

Please Complete Reverse Side
State of Nebraska grant management, budgeting, contracts, compliance to law and regulation, staff management, volunteer oversight, advocacy, systemic advocacy.
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

An important goal in such tough economic times would be the continuation of providing public library services of high quality without a budget increase. Streamlined services, increased use of volunteers and a hard look at utilization by the public would help direct best use of physical and financial resources to maximize effective and efficient services.

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

The First Amendment, as you know, was created and implemented at the Federal level. The Supreme Court has extended that amendment to the State and County-City level. Lincoln is a progressive city when it comes to issues relating to the First Amendment. Lincoln City Libraries have faced public scrutiny and controversy regarding specific books and reading material. As a Lincolnite, I have appreciated the opportunity to choose what I want to read and then be able to access the material at my local library. To have the choice, but face restrictions to free access, seems in opposition to the amendment's intent.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

I have work experience in both government and non-profit work. I have a master's degree in public administration with a non-profit focus. My work and educational experience are by design. I strongly believe in public service: paid and/or volunteer.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

Foster Care Review Board
Neighborhood Association
Church Volunteer
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes
July 13, 2009

Candidate Search Committee
Lincoln City Libraries
136 S 14th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Library Board Selection Committee Members,

I wish to be considered for your vacancy on the Library Board. I have been an active supporter and frequent user of Lincoln libraries for years. When my children were little, I took advantage of “Story Time” programs at Gere Library. As a downtown worker, I frequent Bennett Martin Library where I have used the computers during my lunch break (personal use of business computers at my place of employment is inappropriate), checked out books, and read the daily newspaper.

As a lifelong Lincoln resident who has lived in many locations in our town, I have had the opportunity to visit most of the city's libraries. Bethany Library was the library my mother drove me to when I had a school project that required research. (I still miss the Dewey Decimal System and the card files!)

I have a Masters in Public Administration degree with a Nonprofit focus. I feel comfortable with all aspects of public administration from personnel issues to budgeting. As a State Employee, I use the knowledge, skills and abilities developed during my master's program in my day-to-day activities.

I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you if you wish to consider me further to fill your vacancy.

Sincerely,

Patty Pierson
5000 S 54th St
Lincoln, NE 68516

423-0736
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Personal Information

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

☐Mr.  ☐Ms.  ☐Mrs.  ☐Miss  Keri L. Rockwell

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Applicant Occupation  Library Aide II  Employer  UNL

E-mail Address  kerirock@yahoo.com or krockwell2@unl.edu

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Affirm

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?  34+ years, I lived in New Orleans for 4 years in the 90s.

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?  20+ years

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.

As a single parent, as a parent representative in Head Start, and my work with the PTO at Clinton elementary school, where I was just elected president, I have gained valuable experience. In the past I have taken a small business course at LAP, where I learned some basic business accounting. I have a working understanding of technology/internet, which is ever changing. I understand the basics, scanning, PDF, facebook, twitter, window, excel, power point, etc. Through my work with the head start and PTO, I know Robert’s Rules of Law, and how board meetings are run. Finally, as a single parent I have had to budget, and make due with less.

Please Complete Reverse Side
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

I wish to keep the Library relevant. I would also like to start a PR campaign about the library and all of its services. I find people are often times unaware of what all the library has to offer, in the form of services, and content, such as popular DVDs (I had no idea they had Wii games, how fabulous, until I saw some on a hold shelf). I also, would like to continue the partnerships with organizations and programs in the community such as Safari Lincoln, and dog reading. Another important goal of mine is to keep the libraries a vital part of the community, you can see this best in action at the smaller branches and the bookmobile. An example being all the people who have come together to save the South and Anderson branch, and what the bookmobile means to the elderly and underserved communities in Lincoln and Lancaster County. I think it would be worthwhile to brainstorm other possible funding options, with the private sector.

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

I am a fan of the First Amendment right wrong or in between. I believe the role of the library is to provide the information, and the role of the consumer is to decide if they wish to view said information, and if it’s right or wrong for their family, not mine. I am scared by the trend of people checking out or stealing books or materials they deem inappropriate.

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

I believe as a black low-income woman, I would bring a much need voice to the board. As my family and I access the library and its programs a lot. I was even able to get special education services for my daughter through information I got through ILL. My oldest daughter has learned to knit from books, videos and DVDs. I have saved countless dollars on our entertainment budget from checking out DVDs, (we only have a converter box on our TV). I have even used the public computer to file my taxes. I have worked as a student worker in the University library system, where I worked at circulation desk, ILL, and tech services. So, I have an understanding of how both the front and back of the Library works. I am currently working at the Schmid Law Library, in technical service. I truly understand all the important roles the library plays.

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

I have volunteered at Community Crops, with clean up, etc. I have also volunteered with Head Start, both in and out of the classroom and currently with Clinton PTO.

Are you available for monthly library board meetings -- generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings? Yes

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings? Yes
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

The purpose of this form is to obtain general information for use in the nomination and confirmation process for appointment to the Library Board. If you have recently prepared a biography or resume, please attach it to this form. Complete both sides and return to: Library Board, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 So. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

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**General Information**

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?  

[ ] Please See Attached for Answers

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.
How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?

Approximately three years

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?

Approximately three years

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government and nonprofit organizations.

I am an attorney with Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, LLP. I do a significant amount of general corporate work, including work for many nonprofit clients in Lincoln and throughout Nebraska. My nonprofit work involves negotiating transactions and drafting contracts as well as internal corporate governance and compliance with all relevant laws. Additionally, I have a degree in computer science and handle legal issues related to the Internet and all aspects of technology for many clients.

What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

I believe a library must have a three-tiered goal: (1) access to information, (2) adding value to that information, and (3) fostering and developing the community through these value-added ideas.

A public library is first and foremost a place to freely access information. This access to information fuels patrons’ ability to think and support their ideas. As we learned from Orwell’s 1984, a reduction in information—be it the ever-shrinking language of Newspeak or an ever-shrinking library collection—leads to a reduction in the ability to create new and more complex ideas. A public library is an essential bulwark to such a disaster. Of course, free access to most library books is not necessarily going to be the cornerstone of a stand against tyranny, but universal access to lighter, less-heavyweight materials (for the lack of a better term) is just as important to society. A common culture requires shared knowledge and shared stories. Whether it is The Great Gatsby or Harry Potter, a library provides all members of a community with access to common stories. Stories shape our conversations, our behaviors, and our world. Think of all the conversations missed by the “tween girl who has not read Twilight, and thanks to the public library that ensures every girl must not endure such a social tragedy. (And ask those “tween girls to rank their social status with tyranny and democracy and see what it more important).

But access to information is only the first tier of the library’s mission, and I would argue that it is not the ultimate benefit of the public library. A public library also adds value to the information. Raw information is no doubt necessary for ideas and critical thinking, there must be a source (or multiple sources) to act as a gatekeeper in the modern age of information overload. A library achieves this function on many levels. No library can hold every volume ever published, so judgments must be made as to which books belong in the collection. Obviously, this judgment must be based on the quality of the book rather than its content, but no one can deny that a library must make these judgments. This “limiting” function of a library is balanced by an even more important “expanding” function. A librarian who can tell a patron, “If you like X, then you should read Y” adds significant value to the books on the shelves. This value-added information of a library also reaches across different mediums (I attended the Wine and Wii fundraiser for the Lincoln Libraries and learned that they are attempting this approach with their
activities for younger patrons). One final example of the value a library adds to raw information is the readily available countering viewpoint. Countering viewpoints require additional thought. Even the knowledge that there are countering viewpoints available on the same shelf is a catalyst to a more critical reading of the chosen book.

The third tier of the library’s mission is to foster community. A library must provide an opportunity to use these value-added ideas and critical thoughts that it has enabled. Social events, workshops, book discussions, topical debates, or just friendly conversations are all means to hone these ideas and shape both the speaker and the listener understanding of the topic and of the world. It is these interactions that change lives and possibly change the world. It is also these events that increase the patronage of the library. A library must emphasize this community function, otherwise access to information and ideas are ultimately meaningless.

**How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?**

Public libraries should be considered the seminal access point for information, and the Supreme Court has held that the right to receive ideas is a necessary part of the First Amendment rights of free speech, press, and petition of the government. Without access to information, these freedoms are effectively stifled.

**What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?**

As an attorney, I would be able to provide legal analysis on any matters that come before the board. However, my personal experience with the Lincoln Libraries would also be beneficial to the board. I have experienced library programs in several capacities. One of the first activities I became involved with after moving to Lincoln was a book club at the Gere Branch library. Through that book club, I was able to see the library fulfill the three-tiered mission I described above. Additionally, my wife is a librarian at the South Branch through July (but her employment is terminating so there should be no conflict of interest if I am appointed), and through her work I have gained an insight into the libraries from a librarian’s perspective.

**Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities**

I am currently a member of the Lincoln Young Professionals Group and the Serra Club.

**Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings?** Yes

**Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings?** Yes
Present: Doug Emery, Chair  
John Spatz, Vice Chair  
Jon Camp  
Jonathan Cook  
Gene Carroll  
Adam Hornung  
Jayne Snyder  

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor  
Milo Mumgaard, Aide to the Mayor  
Judge Hendry, City Attorney  

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES  
**1. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of August 3, 2009.**  
**2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of August 3, 2009.**  
**3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Litigation Settlement - August 3, 2009.**  
* 5. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of August 17, 2009.  
The above minutes are being carried over for approval.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES  

*1. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission Meeting (NIZC) Camp  
Camp stated the regular meeting was a couple of weeks ago, then they had The Fly Back, which is the official PR Zone push. Appreciate Council approving the Memorandum of Understanding for general support. Will give Channel 5 a DVD presentation to play.

*2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting Emery/Hornung  
Emery stated the JBC, over the next several months, will discuss perhaps paring down the number of agencies they actually work with now. The realization is there is only a finite amount of money and sometimes it can be spread too thin and not really make a difference for any agency. Discussions started this month and will continue for the next three or four meetings on what direction the JBC should go.

*3. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investor’s Meeting (LPED) Camp/Spatz  
Spatz stated the low unemployment rate in Lincoln, which we do want, sometimes makes it difficult in recruiting efforts, as people are looking for folks to fill jobs. But there has been an upswing in some Lincoln inquiries, and some growth. For long growth do believe Lincoln is situated well, but one item to address is our available workforce. Council should discuss and possibly could help LPED and the business community.
Emery stated there was $49,000 to divide, with $169,000 of requests. Last year had less and completely skipped a cycle so we would have more later.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS Mumgaard (Attachment A)
Mumgaard referred to Attachment A, upcoming appointments for Mayors’ and Council action. Most will be filled through reappointment over time, and are being resolved. Council will soon receive a list of various boards and committees and the names in italics show those to be reappointed and/or appointed. If there are names, or additional people, who would like to serve on one, or more, of these groups inform us now as we are at the junction of submitting Council a variety of confirmed names.

Hornung asked which Boards need applications? Mumgaard replied now the most significant Board being looked at is the Board of Trustees, have people in mind and very interested in Council’s opinion. Also, the Police and Fire Pension Fund Investment Board, and any Building and Safety related group are always looking for people to join their Boards.

Cook stated in the past Council received a list of people whose terms were up and whether or not they may be reappointed. Sometimes we’d be certain and say no, or on others say yes. Not having a list are there many Boards being worked on? Mumgaard asked if Council would prefer having the actual databases, with all names?

Cook commented the old format is padded, but now we look at some Boards not knowing whose appointment is up. Some Boards will have reappointments but without being confirmed their names are not listed. The old way was more informative.

Hoppe stated they always look for good people and encourage Council to submit names as sometimes Boards appear on the list which were not expected. Cook commented the Rural Transportation Safety District is listed, but is Council members, and therefore taken care of.

Camp stated he would like more two way communication. He contacted Mumgaard over two months ago on an appointment, and never received a reply. The communication is not the standard we need. Mumgaard stated he is totally in favor of answering questions at any time, if there was a mistake made on replying, not intentional.

Emery added this applies to all Council Members, and if not receiving replies to let him know as this Board should not have to wait an extended period of time for conversation back.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR Hoppe
Hoppe stated Public Works requests a Pre-Council on The Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan. With a night meeting scheduled and a holiday, could aim for September 14, 2009.

Secondly, Mumgaard requests to address Council on The Energy Sustainability Program. If agreeable a Pre-Council could be presented on September 21, 2009.

Hoppe stated the Mayor’s Office continues to move forward to an Outcome Based Budgeting and Performance based effort. As a City we look to answer how to better integrate performance through operations, budgeting, and public confidence. Now pulling groups of Directors together to discuss
the next steps. For Council use this may be smoother if a Council Member would be willing to meet with the group and discuss the issues. Snyder asked about meeting schedules. Hoppe replied they could arrange around schedules, and think it will consist of approximately four to five meetings of two hours each. Snyder asked if more than one Council person was requested? Hoppe replied one person from Council. Snyder volunteered.

Hoppe stated many are familiar with the Lincoln Central Labor Union who generously send low income, underprivileged children to the State Fair. The Mayor’s Office has been asked to assist and after doing groundwork with the State Fair and the Boys and Girls Clubs, on September 3rd the Mayor’s Office, some Directors and others, will take thirty-five children from the Boys and Girls Clubs to the State Fair, at 3:30 p.m. The Central Labor Union is presenting entrance passes and unlimited ride bands. They target children who have not attended the State Fair. If any Council member is interested in attending everyone is welcome.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Discussion and vote on Library Board Appointment.** (Attachment B)

   Cook stated all information was received in Council packets with the recommendation of the Board being Thomas Beckius. Do not see a reason not to follow this recommendation.

   **Motion:** Motion made by Cook to move to appoint Thomas Beckius to the Library Board.
   Snyder seconded. No discussion.
   Roll: Ayes: Emery, Spatz, Camp, Cook, Carroll, Hornung, Snyder. Passed 7-0.

Judge Hendry stated to avoid any mis-communication, as in the past this is Council’s nomination. It then goes to the Mayor’s Office for a request form and then will have a resolution to formally vote. Hoppe said the Law Department will take care of the resolution from the Mayor’s Office. Cook commented Council picks here, but everything has to go through the formal body.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cook No comments
Spatz No comments
Camp No comments
Hornung No comments
Snyder No comments
Carroll No comments
Emery No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

**HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 17, 2009.**
* HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 24, 2009.*
TO: City Council
FROM: Milo Mumgaard, Aide to the Mayor
DATE: August 24, 2009
RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments

The following summary should provide you with information regarding appointments to be addressed in late August and September (either by Council vote or Mayor’s Executive Order). To the degree decisions have been made as to appointments/reappointments, they are listed below; there remain position openings on most of these commissions/boards. The Mayor’s staff is involved with Department heads, business and community leaders, and civic organizations in identifying qualified individuals and filling these positions. We are always interested in visiting with any potential candidate identified by City Council members. Please contact me at anytime.

Cable Advisory Board

Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Dee Aguilar, Barry Moore, Ruthelen Sittler, Carl Tesch

Keno Advisory Board

Lincoln Housing Authority Board

Charter Revision Commission: Richard Boucher, Mike Donlan, Laurie Lage, Jose Soto, Steve Guittar, Diane Walkowiak, Leroy Stokes

Board of Zoning Appeals: Lynn Sunderman

Audit Advisory Committee

Public Building Commission: Gene Carroll

Property Maintenance Code Task Force: Jerry Boyce

Electrical Advisory, Appeals and Examining Board

Community Forestry Advisory Board

Joint Budget Committee

Lincoln City Library Board
August 19, 2009

Doug Emery, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Emery:

Attached are applications received by the Library Board of Trustees from 12 persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill a vacancy for one seven-year term created by the completion of a seven-year term by Lynda Anderson.

This group of candidates responded to notices posted at all Library locations, community centers and cultural centers, as well as the Library Web site. Candidates who expressed interest in the February 2009 vacancy were notified as well.

The Library Board Committee on Administration reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees along with interest in the public library and the community as a whole. The Committee on Administration presented its report and recommendation to the Library Board at the Board's August 18th meeting.

As has been the case previously, the City Council may choose to appoint anyone from the full group of applications. However, after thorough review and with the needs of the Board in mind, the Library Board recommends, in priority order, the following individuals for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2016:

1. Thomas J. Beckius — Background in finance would fill a void left by Lynda Anderson's completion of her term.

2. Terri Dunlap — Strong knowledge of the community and previous board experience.

3. Keri Rockwell — Mother, PTO member, would bring diversity and practical voice to the Board.

4. Andrew Willis – Attorney, degree in computer science with understanding of legal issues related to the Internet and technology.

As soon as the City Council completes its appointment process, the new board member will be contacted and the orientation process begun. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pat Leach

Pat Leach
Library Director